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(Starred question postponed from the list for 9th August 1954.)

Grant of relief to persons affected by the acquisition of lands for the Lower Bhavani and Malampuzha Projects.

* 1215 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of lands acquired in connexion with the Lower Bhavani Project and the Malampuzha Project;

(*b*) the number of persons affected and dispossessed in each case; and

(*c*) the nature and extent of relief or rehabilitation granted or proposed to be granted by the Government to persons affected in each case?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) 16,480·39 acres in connexion with the Lower Bhavani Project and 4,742·64 acres in connexion with the Malampuzha Project;

" (*b*) 1,045 families in the case of Lower Bhavani Project and **109** families in the case of Malampuzha Project;

" (*c*) The information [a] is laid on the table of the House."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, this being an important question, it cannot be covered by putting supplementary questions. I therefore request that a half-hour debate may be allowed on this."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member has not put any supplementary question and heard what the Hon. Minister had to say in answer to it. He wants a half-hour debate even at the very beginning."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I do not want to take up the time of the House by putting supplementary questions at this stage."

MR. SPEAKER :—" All right, we shall have a half-hour debate."

Memorandum submitted by the State Government to the States Reorganization Commission.

* 1217 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have submitted any memorandum to the States Reorganization Commission constituted by the Union Government; and

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the memorandum will be placed on the table of the House?

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 479—480 infra.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) This Government have written to the States Reorganization Commission urging that the predominantly Tamil areas in the Travancore-Cochin State which are contiguous to this State should be included in the latter State. These areas are the whole of Shencottah, Thovala, Agasteeswaram, Kalkulam, Vilavancode, Devikulam and Peermede taluks, and the predominantly Tamil portions of Chittur and Neyyatinkarai taluks.

" (b) The Government consider that it will not be advisable to place a copy of their letter to the Commission on the table of the House as it will not be in the public interest. I have given the gist of our recommendation."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In answering the question, the Hon. Minister was pleased to include Chittoor in his answer. Does that Chittoor refer to the Cochin Chittoor or Chittoor of Andhra Province? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would request the hon. Member to go through my answer and then put the supplementary question if it is necessary."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, it has been repeatedly stated on the floor of this House that on the question of linguistic redistribution of the States, this Government has adopted a neutral attitude. May I know whether that attitude has been changed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the neutral attitude was with reference to the area to which the hon. Member belongs. We have taken the attitude that if Malabar wants to go away, they can go away and if they want to remain, they may stay with us. It is only with reference to that area that we have taken a neutral attitude."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister give a straight reply whether the Government have made any recommendation in that memorandum for the formation of Aikya Kerala? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I am sorry I am not able to give any further information in regard to the memorandum that we have submitted to the Commission."

SHI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம், சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இப்பொழுது திருவாங்கூர்—கொச்சி தமிழ் பிரதேசத்தில் உள்ள தமிழர் களுடைய கோரிக்கைகள் கிட்டத்தட்ட சென்னை அரசாங்கத்தினுடைய மெமோராண்டத்தை ஒத்ததாக இருக்கிறது. அதை முன்னிட்டு, இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் கிளர்ச்சியை முடிவு கட்டுவதை உத்தேசித்தாவது, இதன் அடிப்படையில் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு ஒரு அறிக்கை விடவேண்டும் என்ற ஒரு முடிவுக்கு வர இந்த சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is only our recommendation. I do not know what the final decision of the States Reorganization Commission will be. We will have to await the report of that Commission."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government of Madras have made any representation regarding the Tamil areas of Chittoor district in the Andhra State or whether they have omitted any reference to that aspect of the question because it has got to be considered by a separate and small Boundary Commission as was stated by the Prime Minister of India?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. The question of Chittoor and other Tamil areas in the Andhra State will be considered by a separate Boundary Commission. That is the attitude we have taken."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, is the birth of the Aikya Kerala within the womb of this States? " (Laughter.)

SRI KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE :—" May I know whether the letter of this Government to the States Reorganization Commission contains any specific recommendation about the future of Malabar and South Kanara? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, with regard to that I have already stated that I have no further information to give."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, I request a half-hour debate on this subject."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is impossible to have a half-hour debate." 11-10 a.m.

Representations from Naranamalpuram Firka Kisan Sangham, Tirunelveli district, regarding eviction of tenants.

* 1218 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations were received by the Government from Naranamalpuram Firka Kisan Sangham, Tirunelveli district, and also from any M.L.A. of that district against the eviction of tenants, and bringing in new set of labourers from outside into Anantakrishnapuram village; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Representations in the matter were received from the President, Congress Kisan Sangh, Naranamalpuram, from the Assistant Secretary, District Congress Committee, Tirunelveli, and from certain M.L.As. of Tirunelveli district.

" (*b*) The tenants of Anantakrishnapuram demanded some concessions in regard to their share of the produce. As a result of this, agrarian trouble arose in this village. Some of the landlords filed civil suits against their former tenants praying for injunction restrainnig them from interfering with the cultivation of the lands by the landlords if they wanted to do so. The suits ended in a compromise on 18th June 1954.